

# Michael Coast

*President and CEO*



Mike Coast was named President and CEO of the Michigan Manufacturing Technology Center (MMTC) in April 2001. As President of the MMTC, he is responsible for directing the operations, programs, and working relationships with Michigan's industrial, business, and governmental stakeholders. The MMTC is a highly respected organization that provides training and assistance to Michigan's small and midsize manufacturers.

The MMTC statewide network receives support from the Michigan Economic Development Organization and the National Institute of Standards and Technology. As an affiliate of the Manufacturing Extension Partnership (MEP), the MMTC is regarded as one of the most respected of the 64 centers nationwide, which is sponsored by the U.S. Department of Commerce's National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST).

Additionally, he is also responsible for maintaining, and building on, the successful partnership between the MMTC and the Michigan Economic Development Corporation (MEDC). The MMTC has been chosen to play a lead role in coordinating and streamlining technology-related services to Michigan's established industries.

Previously, Mr. Coast was Vice President and Executive Director for the MMTC's statewide program. As Executive Director, he was responsible for developing new business, working with manufacturers to implement manufacturing technologies, collaborating with service providers, and discovering potential funding sources to increase the capabilities of the MMTC.

Mr. Coast came to the MMTC with more than eight years of technology development experience and more than sixteen years of manufacturing experience. Prior to joining the MMTC, he was the Associate Director for the Youngstown State University Technology Development Corporation in Youngstown, Ohio. Also, Mr. Coast held a variety of managerial positions with engineering and technologically based organizations including Leeds & Northrup, Mayer China, Sargent Electric Company, and Airway Industries, Inc.

Mr. Coast received his Bachelor of Science degree in Engineering with a minor in Industrial Engineering at Geneva College, Beaver Falls, PA.

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